

GRIM KOWLOON STORY OF RAPE, ROBBERY

Det. Sub-Inspector C. Dowman told Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr one of the ugliest stories ever heard in the Kowloon Court when he prosecuted Ng Tim (alias Ng Yam, 23) on two charges of impersonating a police officer, two of larceny, one of rape, and one of demanding money with menaces.

According to the prosecution, a 19-year-old Chinese girl at the junction of Poho Street and Yu Chai Street as she was on her way home after leaving her place of employment around 12.30 a.m. on Aug. 20.

He told her that he was a Chinese detective and had been asked by a European inspector to bring her to him as a report had been received of a woman wearing a ring and a gold necklace.

The report added, he said, that the articles had been passed by the girl to a woman carrying an umbrella.

When the girl refused to go, said Det. Sub-Inspector Dowman, accused Ng Tim then asked her to go back to her house nearby to tell her younger sister about it. He accompanied her there but refused to let her go upstairs.

Complaining called out to her sister who came out with the principal tenant. The two latter asked the accused why, if he was a detective, he was not in uniform.

"Silly" To this he replied: "Don't be silly. Detectives don't wear uniform." He then produced a document (which proved to be a receipt receipt issued by the China Light & Power Co.) with a photograph attached.

The principal tenant then advised the girl to go with the "detective" to see the European inspector. Defendant led complainant to Tung Road where he turned into an alleyway stating that he wanted to compare her fingerprints with those left on the wall by the "girl accomplice."

The girl was next brought to a grain shop off Tung Road. When she asked where the European inspector was, accused replied that he had probably gone back as they have waited a lot of time.

She became frightened and started to shout, whereupon accused slapped her twice, and threatened to stab her if she did not keep quiet.

At the same time he reiterated his claim of being a detective, adding that if she kept quiet he would treat her gently.

"Gagged" When the girl refused to go any further with him but continued to cry out, accused, alleged Det. Sub-Inspector Dowman, took out a handkerchief and thrust it inside her mouth, at the same time tying her hands behind her back with a string.

After the alleged criminal attack on the girl, continued Det. Sub-Inspector Dowman, accused took her (still gagged) through Wong Chuk Street to Lai Chi Kok Road. During the walk he told her he was in love with her, and that he would marry her and not abandon her as he realised that he had "despoiled" her.

Arriving at Tai Nan Street, went on the prosecution officer, accused asked the girl to forgive him for having impersonated a Police officer in order to rape her, adding that if she reported to the Police "it would mean death to me." He took the gag out of her mouth.

When she refused to give him her name, he told her that she need not be afraid any longer and that she had no need to work any more as he would do his best to support her.

She asked him for his name and he admitted that the name he gave when he posed as a detective was wrong. His proper surname, he said, was Ng.

Arriving at the Tung Tung Bakery, which accused claimed to be owned by his uncle, Ng Shan, he accused tried to get a job for the girl but failed. He then saw her home but did not go upstairs.

"To See Uncle" At 4 a.m. the same day, he called at the flat to bring the girl to see his uncle. The girl was at that time washing her clothes in the kitchen and the (Continued on Page 10)

Legislative Council Meeting

Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G., (Colonial Secretary) deputised for the Governor at yesterday's meeting of Legislative Council, in the latter's absence from the Colony.

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Personalia

The British Parliamentary Mission comprising Lord Ammon, Lord Amherst, and Messrs. F. McLeavy, J. Harrison, Wilfred Roberts and Martin Lindsay will be arriving Hongkong at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday next, Oct. 5.

On arrival they will be transferred to another plane placed at their disposal by the Chinese Government when they will fly direct to Nanking.

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Mr. and Mrs. Little and Mr. Little will be passengers from Singapore by C.P.A. plane.

The Commonwealth Relations Office announces the appointment of Mr. G. V. Kilson, C.B.E., as Deputy High Commissioner, in charge of the Bombay Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom. Mr. Kilson served in the Consular Service in China for some time, but during recent years has been at the Foreign Office in charge of China Affairs.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Philip Robert Springall, Civil Servant, of "Bethanie," Pokfulam, to Miss Clare Winifred Curran, School Teacher, of 50 Station Road, Seaham, Durham, has been announced.

The wedding of Mr. Ralph Le Roy French, G.P.O. A.S.A., 1300 La Madera Ave., El Monte, Calif., and Miss Lam Yut-wah of 9 Wo On Lane, 2nd floor, took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, in the presence of Messrs. W. M. Chan and Y. K. Lai.

At the meeting of the Tuesday evening the Guest Speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hall who will speak on "The Worker's Movement in Hong Kong."

The meeting at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.30 and any men interested are invited.

In order to celebrate the completed reconversion of three of the most modern ships of the "Java-China" Packet Lines Ltd. a cocktail party was held last night on board the M.V. "Bolesvaine" now docked in Kowloon Wharf.

The large number of people who were present at the party include members of many business offices in the Colony and Government departments.

The "Bolesvaine" is an extremely modern ship fitted up to the highest standard.

Its amenities include a swimming pool, luxurious cabins, both single and double and each fitted with a private bathroom.

Charles Shaw, Swarthmore (U.S.) College librarian, left on Wednesday for China where he will survey 10 colleges and universities, libraries in a mission to reconstruct Chinese libraries.

Mr. Shaw, making the trip on behalf of the United Board of Christian Colleges in China, will make recommendations for staff personnel, and for the improvement of reference collections. In addition he will select Chinese men and women for further library training in the United States.

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She Fired The Last Shot At The Japs

The ship which has the distinction of having fired the last shot against the Japanese homeland — at Kaimaihi — H.M.S. "Gambie," 8,000-ton "Mauritius" class cruiser, is due to arrive in Hong Kong today from Shanghai.

With her is H.M.A.S. "Bataan," an Australian-built and manned Tribal-class destroyer which was commissioned in May, 1945.

As a friendly gesture to the United States, she was named Bataan, Mrs. Douglas MacArthur herself breaking the traditional bottle across her stem.

"Gambie," commissioned in 1942, is one of a class of eight ships, a logical development of the "Hewitt" and "Belgian" designs, they were highly successful in service.

"Gambie" herself was on loan to the Royal New Zealand Navy during the war, but has now reverted to the Royal Navy.

She will be remaining here till October 28, when she sails for Singapore. "Bataan" sails for Japan in about a week's time.

Jap Admiral's Story Of 'Behar' Deaths

Vice-Admiral Sokunja yesterday testified that he ordered all survivors of the Behar to be "disposed of" to provide military safety for the Japanese but when he found his orders had not been carried out after the fleet had reached safe harbour in Batavia, he ordered "land all prisoners."

In the witness box, Vice Admiral Sokunja said that he was transferred to the Aoba at the end of 1943 and was under the orders of Vice Admiral Takasu.

Between January and February 1944 Vice Admiral Takasu planned operations in the Indian Ocean.

The first conference was held at Penang at that time the Fleet Headquarters.

His staff officer was invited to attend the conference which concerned operations and he came to know of the result from his staff officer.

Capture The capture of allied ships was discussed and it was decided that all endeavours be made not to sink any but to capture them.

It was also decided that the strictest secrecy was necessary and to ensure this his Staff officer reported to him as follows: "Except for a few prisoners for the purpose of obtaining information the rest must be 'disposed of'."

On this report he began planning 16th Squadron operational orders.

His orders were clear and simple so that they could be easily understood and where necessary the orders and instructions at the conference were repeated.

Upon receiving approval of his orders, Admiral Sokunja was told by his Commanding Officer Admiral Takasu that the word "dispose" had "plenty of meaning" and should be taken to mean "execute."

At the beginning of March, the Fleet moved into the Indian Ocean, Admiral Sokunja testified.

Between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on March 9, he received a signal from the Tone saying that she had sighted and sunk an enemy merchant vessel, Behar, and had picked up a number of survivors.

"Disposal" Because enemy attacks were imminent and it was dangerous to carry prisoners, Admiral Sokunja again issued the order that prisoners were to be "disposed of," doubting whether Captain Mayazumi had understood the original order.

He then decided to "run," because the fleet was in reach of enemy planes and they did not want to engage in battle. The fleet proceeded down the Sunda Straits and reached Batavia on March 15.

After disembarking in

Hawkers' Fee Rise Deferred

Consideration of the Hawkers By-laws made by the Urban Council on Sept. 16, providing for increases in hawkers' fees, was deferred at yesterday's session of Legislative Council.

This was the result of representations from the Hawkers Association that the increased fees were excessive.

Moving the postponement the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said:

"Representations have been received by my honourable friends, the Chinese members of Council, from the Hawkers' Association, claiming that the increased fees which are contemplated by the by-laws are too high."

"It is desired that time should be given to enable such representations to be examined, preferably in relation to a statement from the Urban Council showing the existing fees for hawkers' licences, with the increased fees contemplated by the by-laws."

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd and carried unanimously.

St. John's Ambulance

Orders by Asst. Comm. A. El Arculi, Acting Commissioner, St. John A. B. Order No. 147 dated Oct. 1, 1947.

Parade: Hong Kong, K.C.O.B. Div. Lecture, H.Q. Friday 2nd, 7.45 p.m. Trained Drivers Lecture, H.Q. Monday 5th, 7.45 p.m. Eastern Div. Lecture, H.Q. Thursday 9th, 7.45 p.m. Sunday 11th, 10.00 a.m. Eastern Div. Lecture, H.Q. Friday 2nd, 8 p.m. Trained Drivers, Nathan Road, H.Q. Monday 5th, 8 p.m. Annual Aquatic Sports. All ranks are reminded that entries for the annual aquatic sports must be in the hands of their Div. Super. not later than tomorrow, Oct. 4.

Closing: D/S Monks Div. will parade at H.Q. on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 5.30 p.m.

Promotions and Appointments: A/O Au Yung Kin Chen to D/S Tsimshatsui, H.Q. 19.47; D/S Tong Chi Cheung to Corps Officer No. 2 Corps Kowloon, w.e.f. 19.47; Mr. Chiu See Shing to be Asst. A/O Wanchai, w.e.f. 1.1.47.

Leave: D/S Chan Yiu Tung "Wanchai" granted 6 months sick leave w.e.f. 1.10.47. (Sd.) R. A. EDWARDS, Corps Officer.

H.K.V.D.C. ORDERS

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. Owen Hughes, M.B., Acting Commandant, H.K.V.D.C. Order No. 10/47 dated Oct. 2, 1947.

Returning Volunteers. All Volunteers who have returned to the Colony and who have not reported their present address to this Headquarters are required to do so without delay.

British Legion. The following is reproduced for information:—The Hong Kong Brigade of the British Legion has recently been reconstituted in the Colony and all Volunteers and ex-Volunteers with War Service are eligible for membership. The Commandant is very anxious that as many members of the Corps as possible should join the Legion which has as its primary objects:—(a) Provision for disabled and wounded soldiers; (b) Assistance to their dependents in destitute circumstances. The annual membership subscription is \$5 and further details can be obtained through the Adjutant.

Hong Kong Services B.M. Association. Fraternal B.M. will take place on the Bazaar at Eleventh Island, Sunday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5. Launches leave Queen's Pier 1400 hours Saturday, and 0930 hours Sunday, calling at Star Ferry Pier en route. The Bazaar will be held at the Bazaar, 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5. Launches leave Queen's Pier 1400 hours Saturday, and 0930 hours Sunday, calling at Star Ferry Pier en route. The Bazaar will be held at the Bazaar, 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Part 3 Orders. Order No. 11/47: Strength-Deceased, 3552 L/Cpl. W. J. W. 19.47; 5000 w.e.f. 20.01; 3000 w.e.f. 20.01; 2000 w.e.f. 20.01; 1000 w.e.f. 20.01.

(Sd.) J. WESTON, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

QUARANTINE LIFTED

Quarantine restrictions imposed by Macao against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of smallpox have been removed.

BITTER ATTACK IN FRANCIS HOTEL CASE

"I do not want latitude—I want justice" exclaimed Mr. Charles Loseby yesterday, opening his case for the St. Francis Hotel before a Special Tenancy Tribunal.

Mr. Loseby's outburst followed a clash between himself and Mr. d'Almada, when the Chairman, Mr. Hin-shing Lo, intervened to assure Mr. Loseby that he would be allowed very latitude.

Section 32 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947, was described by Mr. Loseby as an "Alice in Wonderland" contraption — a "Mad Hatter" piece of legislative machinery dragged out of the Middle Ages.

The case concerns an application by the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., (applicants) under Section 32 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, for a recommendation to H. E. the Governor for an Exemption Order in respect of 13 Queen's Road Central, occupied by the St. Francis Hotel Co. (1938) Ltd., (opponents).

The Special Tenancy Tribunal comprises Mr. Hin-shing Lo (chairman), Mr. E. Hoopes and Mr. Chung Kwang-hing (Members).

The applicants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, a Castro instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong of Messrs. Deacons.

Mr. Charles Loseby instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, is appearing for the opponents.

"Nothing Improper" In my cross-examination of Mr. Field, I did not intend to suggest any improper motives, direct or indirect, on the part of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., in the matter of this application," Mr. Loseby said.

"I believe them to be a firm of the highest repute and I said so quite openly."

"I did intend to suggest that they had approached this matter as businessmen and that they had in their mind, as they were entitled, advantages direct and indirect."

"This is a matter in which two parties are seeking the possession of valuable premises at present occupied by the opponents under a lease for three years, entered into in Feb., 1945."

"The property concerned has been valued at more than \$2,000,000."

2 Applications The application is proceeding simultaneously with another application in which the possession of property valued at more than \$1,000,000 is at stake.

"It is therefore plain that the applications are of importance and will and must be treated as precedents."

"It is hardly to be disputed that the lease between the parties is in the main a cash lease and that the dispute is between individuals and individuals only."

"The Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, however, under Section 32 (1) and (2) devised machinery whereby persons could be deprived of their legal rights. For this purpose, they created special machinery and set up special courts. Before being used, it should be carefully examined."

"Resisting an application in another Court, I examined this machinery closely and at length, pointing out that in its main features, it was highly dangerous and objectionable."

"I remarked in passing that nothing in England like it had been seen since the days of King Charles."

"That comparison, I repeat, I referred, of course, to the Court of Star Chamber and the procedure under it."

"A close examination of Section 32 will satisfy you that the comparison was just. I have examined the machinery myself with scrupulous care and cannot find a redeeming feature in it."

"Injustice" "I cannot indeed imagine a case in which a recommendation under it would not, if rightly translated and paraphrased, mean 'In this case, I recommend injustice.'"

"A refusal to recommend on the other hand would mean only 'I see no reason why this person should be deprived of his legal rights.'"

"I invite you to refuse. You would, in so doing, be standing by the grounds ground that would not give under your feet."

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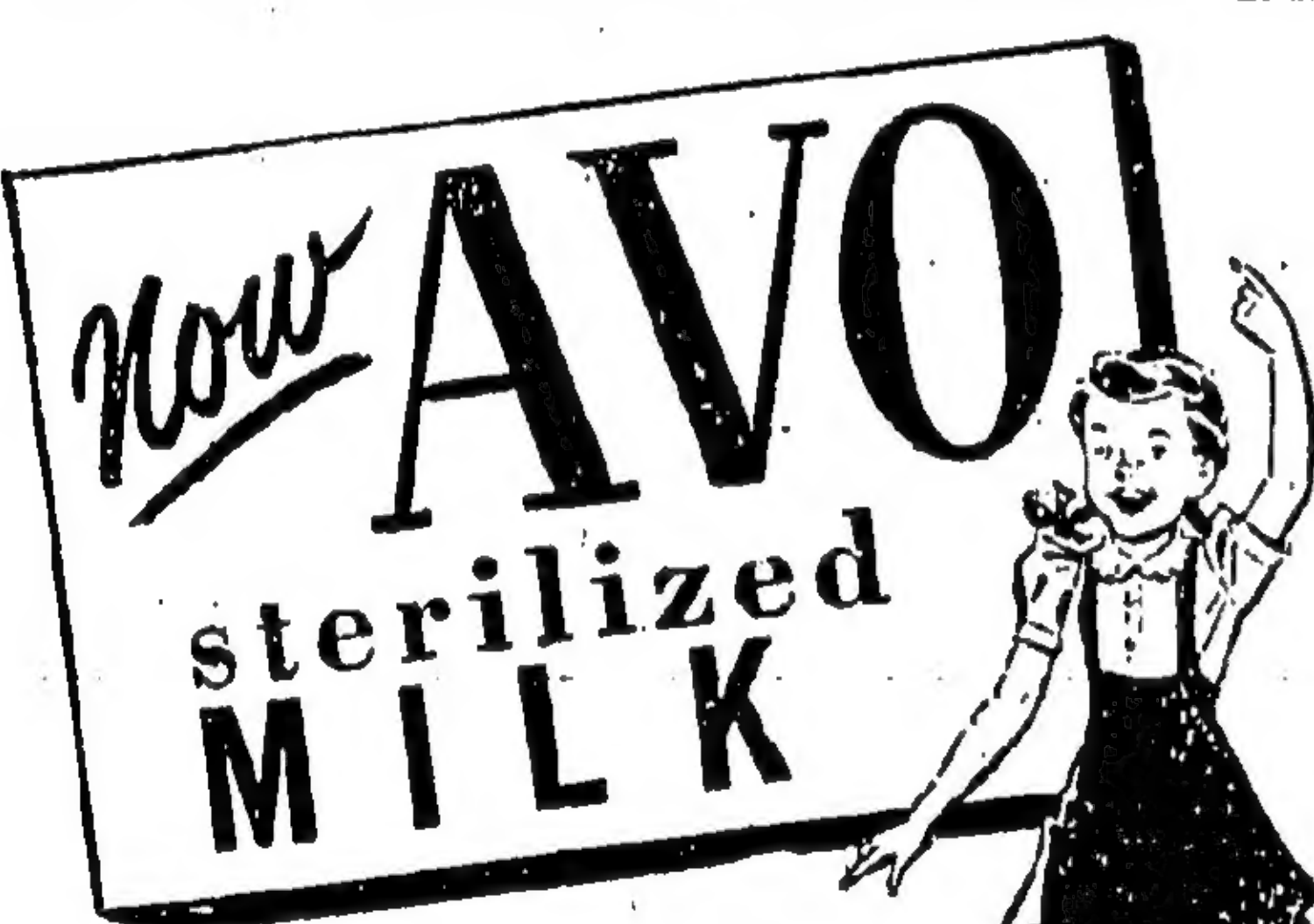
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VISHINSKY IN BAD MOOD

Clash With Assembly President On India

Francis Wu Gets High Honour

London, Oct. 2. A high distinction has been won by a Chinese photographer, whose work has been selected by the Royal Photographic Society to be displayed at their 92nd Annual International Exhibition now being held in London.

To be thus chosen, comprises one of the greatest honours in the world of photography, for the Royal Photographic Society is the oldest organisation of its kind.

The photographer is Mr. Francis Wu of Hong Kong. His successful work appears in the pictorial section of the Exhibition, in which 188 photographs are displayed, those having been selected from 2,400 prints submitted by 642 entrants.

The Toll In Greece

Athens, Oct. 2. The Greek Ministry of Public Order, said today that from October 12, 1944, the day of Greece's liberation, to September 25, 1947, the Communists killed 46,214 civilians in Greece.

The Ministry said that in addition 316 officers and 2,715 men of the security forces, were killed or executed by the guerrillas.

Military losses had not yet been fully checked.

The worst affected areas, all on the northern border, were Attica, where 15,685 were killed; Salonika, where 1,964 were killed; and Thessaly, where 800 were killed. The Ministry added.—Reuter.

CZECHS BACKED

New York, Oct. 2. Combined United States and Russian support has now virtually assured the election of Czechoslovakia to the vacant seat on UNO Security Council, despite a Czech objection to being placed in this major forum of the East-West conflict.

Czechoslovakia was reported to have the backing also of China, Britain and possibly France, and the 20 Latin-American countries.—Associated Press.

Attack On Author: "Political Bias"

London, Sept. 30. The Evening Standard today demanded the resignation of the novelist and playwright, J. B. Priestley, from the Royal Commission on the Press for displaying "marked political bias."

The editorial declared: "While this investigation is proceeding, it might be thought that Mr. Priestley would attempt to maintain at least the appearance of judicial impartiality."

It quoted Priestley as stating publicly yesterday: "A large section of the press is now devoted to the task of persuading people that they are having a worse time than they actually are."

Refuses To Stop Speaking

Lake Success, Oct. 1. M. Andrei Vishinsky, Russian delegate to the United Nations Assembly, stalked red-faced from the rostrum of the Assembly meeting this afternoon after being interrupted by the President, Senor Osvaldo Aranha while commenting on a statement made by the leader of the Indian delegation, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit.

The Indian-Russian clash occurred after two further ballots, making a total of nine in all, had ended without either of the candidates—Ukraine and India—to the Security Council seat left vacant by the withdrawal of Poland, receiving the required majority. The voting was postponed.

A statement by Mrs. Pandit, in which she emphasised that only because "there was a fundamental principle involved" had India stood for the seat, was allowed, Dr. Aranha explained, because of M. Vishinsky's interventions yesterday.

On completion of Mrs. Pandit's statement, M. Vishinsky stormed to the rostrum and although interrupted by the President, insisted on refuting the remarks made by the Indian delegate. An appeal by Dr. Aranha to let the Assembly continue with its work without discussion which "was useless to the Assembly" was ignored by M. Vishinsky.

Complaining of the use of the presidential gavel while he was talking, M. Vishinsky finished his remarks.

Red-Faced

India obtained 23 votes and Ukraine 31 when the eighth ballot was voted today as the General Assembly resumed its efforts to break the deadlock on whether Ukraine or India should be elected to fill the seat vacated by Poland on the Security Council.

As 38 votes are required to elect a new member, this ballot was again inconclusive.

After Mrs. Pandit's statement, Dr. Aranha, President of the Assembly, explained that he had allowed Mrs. Pandit to make her statement because of the Soviet delegate's, M. Andrei Vishinsky's interventions yesterday, but that he would not allow any further discussion about candidates or any matter forbidden by the rules.

M. Vishinsky then leaped to his feet and asked permission to speak. He then strode, red-faced, to the rostrum and said: "In connection with the statement by the Indian delegate, I must say that the reference to territorial and political principles of representation, which she mentioned, is a correct principle, but this principle cannot be applied to India at the present time."

Refused To Leave

The President, who had been waiting with his gavel poised angrily, banged his desk at this remark and said: "I would call the attention of the Soviet delegate to the fact that this matter is not in the discussion."

New Gold Smuggling Racket

Singapore, Oct. 2. A gold smuggling racket, in which Australian gold, camouflaged to look like carpenter's tools, is smuggled into Singapore and India, is said to be going on.

Gold brought into Singapore must be sold at the official rates but it is believed that hundreds of ounces of illicit gold from the Kalgoorlie gold-fields, in Australia, have evaded customs officials and been brought into Singapore to sell at the black-market price of \$200 (£28.10s) an ounce against the official price of \$69.40 (fine gold) and \$68.55 (lower grade), (about £10).

The gold is thought to have been smuggled in chiefly in aircraft, disguised as spanners, chisels, hammer-heads and screw-drivers or hidden in wing tips or parts of a plane, by gangs in Australia working with aircrews.—Reuter.

U.S. Asks An Explanation

Frankfurt, Oct. 1. General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor for Germany, today described as a "breach of existing agreements," the remarks on "United States monopolists" made by M. Sergein Tulpanov, the chief of Soviet military administrations.

General Clay, speaking at a press conference for Allied and German correspondents, said that he had asked Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor, for an explanation of the remarks on "United States monopolists," who he was reported to have said, were attempting to obtain financial benefits out of their jobs as military administrators. He told the correspondents that he had asked Marshal Sokolovsky whether the statement by M. Tulpanov marked the beginning of a new policy of the Soviet occupation authorities.—Reuter.

BISHOPS' CHARGE

Czestochowa, Oct. 2. Poland's Roman Catholic bishops charged on Tuesday the existence of "a carefully directed and hidden struggle" in Poland against the Church.

A pastoral letter sent to all churches in this 95% Catholic country assailed the Communist supported Warsaw government for what the bishops said was severe censorship of the Catholic Press and called for the abolition of "baseless and unnecessary limitations on civil rights."—Associated Press.

Russia Continues Veto Treatment

Flushing, Oct. 1. Russia today tossed two more vetoes into the boiling East-West fight of the United Nations after accusing the Western powers of a deliberate campaign to undermine "international co-operation in the United Nations."

The vetoes blocked Italy and Finland from United Nations membership this year.

The Soviet charges were hurled by the Deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei Vishinsky, at the close of a gloomy session of the General Assembly, at which the United States stuck to its guns in the campaign to keep Soviet Ukraine off the United Nations Security Council.

In that Council, at nearby Lake Success, the Soviet representative

WORLD PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SPREAD OF CHOLERA

London, Oct. 1. The "cholera gap" was closed at all British airports and seaports today when world airlines and shipping companies, cooperating with their respective Governments, agreed on precautions to be taken to prevent the cholera epidemic in Egypt and India from spreading to other countries.

Every man, woman and child arriving by sea or air from Indian and Egyptian territories is being card-indexed and kept under observation for 21 days.

Travellers leaving Britain for Karachi and Ceylon are being asked to produce proof that they had a "complete series of inoculations" prior to departure; and inoculation against cholera has been made "absolutely compulsory" for all travellers leaving Britain by air for Egypt.

A Ministry of Health spokesman said that people arriving here from the cholera areas are now being issued with yellow health cards.

"These cards," he said, "instruct them to report to their doctor if they feel unwell within 21 days of their arrival here."

"The back of the card lists details of the country from which they have returned together with facts about the epidemic."

A British Overseas Airways Corporation spokesman said that, as a precautionary measure and with a view to avoiding any possible inconvenience, they were telephoning all prospective passengers going to Egypt, or through the Middle East to India, that they should first be inoculated against cholera.

Meanwhile, priority for freight space on all planes leaving Britain for the cholera areas is being given to serum and drug tablets to help check the spread of the disease.

DDT Sprays

Egyptian Air Force planes today flew low over the villages in the cholera stricken areas of Egypt spraying farms and homesteads with DDT and other disinfectants.

Egyptian troops tightened up the sanitary cordon around the infected areas in Sharkia and Caloubieth (covering 2-300 square miles) where the epidemic began.

One cholera case was today reported in Alexandria—the first since the outbreak began in the other parts of Egypt—according to the city's health department. About 100 people were "under observation."

The Government, acting on the recommendations of the Health authorities, has decided to ban public demonstrations which youth organisations were preparing to hold on Friday to mark a three-hour strike against the report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

The strike, called by the Palestine Arab Higher Executive, was endorsed by Egyptian extremist movements and the

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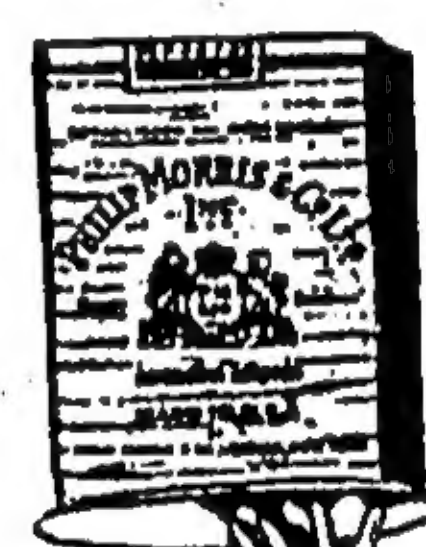
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4. These items may be inspected at the Command Supply
Depot, Shamshupo, between the hours of 10 a.m.—4 p.m. daily
until October 3rd.

5. Applications to view will be received at and necessary passes
and tender forms obtained from HQ RASC, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, daily between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. up to October 3rd.

6. Tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. Monday, 6th October
47, at HQ RASC in sealed packets and marked "Tender for
RASC Supplies" before this time and date.

7. The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any tender.

H. G. HAZELTON,

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commander, Royal Army Service Corps,
HQ Land Forces, Hongkong.

NOTICE

Will Firms, Government Offices, Schools, Clubs
and Hospitals, please note that Dollar Directory
forms for the 1948 edition should be corrected
and completed as soon as possible, and returned
to the "CHINA MAIL" Office, Windsor House,
without delay.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that
the Nineteenth Ordinary Annual
Meeting of the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
3rd Floor, 144-148 Des Voeux
Road, Central, Hong Kong, on
Saturday the 4th October 1947
at 12.00 noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the Year
ended 31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Share Register of the Company
will be closed from the 27th
September 1947 to the 4th Octo-
ber 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept. 1947.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

Regatta Dance Sunday, 5th October

Members expecting to attend
would assist by notifying Club
Steward or Secretary before
Saturday evening, indicating
number of Guests.

Supper will be served
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p.m. until after dance.

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As from Monday the 6th
October the Secretary's Office
will be transferred to Prince's
Building, Room 233, second
floor. Telephone No. 32340.
Until further notice all accounts
are still to be paid at the office
of Messrs. Percy Smith & Co.,
Room 212 Windsor House.

D. W. MUNTUN
Secretary

NOTICE

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMPANIES (RE-
CONSTRUCTION OF
RECORDS) ORDINANCE,
1947.

Re-construction of the Register
of Members

Green Island Cement Company
Limited (hereinafter called "the
Company") has applied to the
Registrar of Companies for
leave to reconstruct its Register
of Members, under Section 12
(1) of the Companies (Re-
construction of Records) Or-
dinance, 1947.

The statutory declaration in
support of the application and
the exhibits thereto (being lists
of persons who it is believed are
entitled to be registered as
shareholders of the Company)
can be inspected, on payment of
the prescribed fees, in the Office
of the Registrar of Companies,
Supreme Court, Hong Kong. A
copy of the statutory declaration
and the exhibits thereto may
also be inspected at the Com-
pany's Registered Office, Ex-
change Building, Second Floor,
Des Voeux Road Central,
Victoria, Hong Kong, during
ordinary business hours.

All persons who claim to be
entitled to be registered as
shareholders of the Company
are hereby required to notify the
Company of their FULL
NAMES and ADDRESSES,
their claim and the evidence
upon which it is based WITHIN
THREE MONTHS from the
6th day of October, 1947.

Persons who hold Share
Certificates and Instruments of
Transfer in respect thereof (if
any) are requested to produce
them at the Company's Register-
ed Office if this has not already
been done. Shareholders who
have lost their Share Certificates
and have not already notified
the Company of their loss and
given full particulars thereof
are requested to write to the
Company giving all known
particulars of the lost Certificates
and the circumstances of the
loss, when further information
will be given as to other evidence
required.

All notifications and com-
munications must be sent to the
Company addressed to its Re-
gistered Office, Second Floor,
Exchange Building, Des Voeux
Road Central, Victoria, Hong
Kong.

R. TAYLOR,
Manager & Secretary.

REMINDER

The Annual General Meeting
of Hong Kong St. Andrew's
Society will be held in the
Board Room of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd. at 5.45
p.m. this afternoon.

D. S. ROBB
Hon. Secretary.

Dated 3rd October, 1947.

New P.A.A. Flights

New York, Oct. 2.
Pan American Airways an-
nounced today the inauguration
of bi-weekly round-the-world
flights on Oct. 4 with take-offs
on Saturdays and Wednesdays,
replacing the present Friday de-
partures.

All flights will be routed
through Calcutta, 40 hours out
of New York, via Shannon,
London, Istanbul, Damascus and
Karachi. Alternative routes will
be offered for crossing the
Pacific.

One: via Bangkok, Manila,
Guam, Wake and Honolulu to
San Francisco or Los Angeles,
the other via Bangkok, Hong
Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo, Wake
and Honolulu to the West
Coast.

Actual travel time between
San Francisco or Los Angeles
and New York will be less
than one week.—Associated
Press.

LIGHTNING KILLS

Denver Oct. 2.
A lightning bolt late today
struck a freshman football squad
at the University of Denver's
hilltop stadium, where the fresh-
men was being put through its
drills, killing one student and
injuring a few others.—United
Press.

Canberra, Oct. 2.

The Australian Prime Min-
ister J.B. Chifley told the Aus-
tralian House of Representa-
tives discussing estimates of
Australian expenditure over-
seas that travel abroad on Gov-
ernment business would be
curtailed as much as possible.
—Associated Press.

GOVERNMENT ATTACKING THE PROBLEM OF HIGH PRICES

Tito Call To Be Prepared

Belgrade, Oct. 2.
Marshal Tito, in address-
ing a convention of veterans,
attacked the Truman doc-
trine as "nothing else than
the creation of strategic bases
in Europe and in other parts
of the world for encirclement
of the Soviet Union and other
generally democratic
eastern states."

The Yugoslav leader called
upon the veterans "to be pre-
pared at all times if necessary
to take up arms and fight again,
saying:

"We are working as if there
will be a peace for 100 or 500
years but let us prepare our-
selves as if there will be war
tomorrow."

"I think that today the
strength of the democratic ele-
ments in the world is so power-
ful that imperialism will not
be able to realize its intention
to launch a new world war,"
he added.

"But provocations are not
excluded and it is easier to
begin these provocations where
a nation is weak."—Associated
Press.

GAULEITER GETS OFF

Frankfurt, Oct. 1.
Karl Lauterbach, former
Nazi Gauleiter, has been ac-
quitted by an American Military
Tribunal in Dachau of charges
alleging that he ordered 12
United States airmen to be shot
after they had parachuted from
a bomber during the war.

In 1946, a British Military
Tribunal acquitted Lauterbach
of charges alleging that he had
been responsible for the murder
of inmates of Hamelin
Prison.

Six other defendants in the
Dachau trial were found guilty.
Their sentences have not yet
been announced.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S ASSURANCE: NO INTENTION OF WAGE LEVELS FREEZE

London, Oct. 1.
Assurances that the Government has no intention
of "freezing" wage levels was given to a dele-
gation of Trade Union leaders today by the
Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee.

A group of Union spokes-
men spent two and a half hours
in conference with Mr. Attlee
and Mr. Isaacs, Minister of La-
bour.

They sought clarification
from the Government of the re-
cent letter sent out by Mr.
Isaacs in which the Minister
of Labour had called attention
to the Government's hopes that
general wage increases would
be avoided as far as possible
at this time.

The Unions had feared that
the letter implied intervention
by the Government in wage
negotiations.

In a formal statement issued
from No. 10, Downing Street,
at the close of the session, an
assertion was made that "the
Government's policy continues
to be that wage questions
should be settled by the two
sides in industry through the
appropriate machinery and
that this was made plain to
the delegates."

It was understood that Mr.
Attlee made it clear that the

Famous Artist Dead

London, Oct. 2.
George Harcourt, President
of the Royal Society of Portrait
Painters, died today at his home
in suburban Buse. He would
have been 79 on Oct. 11.

Harcourt, Scottish-born, was
a member of the Societe des
Artistes Francaises and was
chairman and honorary art
director of the Royal Drawing
Society.

His painting "Dawn" won
honourable mention at the 1900
Paris International Exhibition,
and "The Birthday" a gold
medal at the Amsterdam Inter-
national Exhibition of 1912.
He was elected to the Royal
Academy in 1926.—Associated
Press.

Speeding Up Of Distribution

London, Oct. 1.
The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, announced
today that the Government was attacking the
problem of high prices for fruits and vegeta-
bles through the appointment of a committee
to speed distribution at low prices to con-
sumers.

Speaking before the Labour Women's Conference
at Southport, Mr. Strachey said that the new
organisation will do such things as provide
market space for organisations of the pro-
ducers, technical things like the organisation
of transport and the working of truck with
railroad transport.

"We do think that by pre-
suring of competition and the
work in this organisation, we
can go further to get you sup-
plies at reasonable prices."

The prices of Irish fruits
and vegetables have been a
score point with consumers
over recent weeks. Most of
such produce is now price-con-
trolled and consumers have
complained that they have been
compelled to pay exorbitant
prices for the produce.

Recently a group of farmers,
who asserted that ridiculously
low prices were being offered
for their goods, set up a "pro-
ducer to consumer" market in
London and did a roaring busi-
ness. The farmers' undersold
merchants in the regular retail
shops and at the same time got
substantially high prices for
their goods than were offered
to them by the regular trade
buyers.

Back Government

The Food Minister told the
Conference that the new Gov-
ernmental organisation will
send out teams of experts who
will investigate on the spot
the crops and the means of
moving them to urban centres.

Mr. Strachey's address was
the highlight of the day's meet-
ing of the delegates to the
Conference.

No untoward scenes such as
the interruptions during the
address by the Minister of
Fuel and Power, Mr. Emanuel
Shinwell, yesterday disturbed
the placidity of today's meet-
ing.

European Jews For Australia

Marseilles, Oct. 2.
Approximately 100
European Jews, most of
them from England, left
here yesterday aboard the
Panamanian ship
"Tidewater" for Australia.

Others are to leave within the
next months.

Originally 358 Jews were to
leave on the Tidewater, but the
British authorities here had
ruled that only 100 could leave
at this time.

Inasmuch as the embarkation
had been strictly controlled by
the British authorities, there
could be no possibility that the
Tidewater would turn into an-
other refugee runner bound for
Palestine.

In Paris, the Australian Em-
bassy said they had issued visas
for approximately 100 Jewish
refugees upon the application
of the Hebrew Immigration Aid
Society. They were part of a
complement of 400 passengers
who left Marseilles yesterday
on the Tidewater.—United Press.

U.S. CLAIM

Washington, Oct. 2.
The engineering chief for the
nation's major builders of jet
engines said today that the
United States has "at least
caught up with and in some
ways is ahead" of the British in
jet propulsion.

This view was expressed to
the President's Air Policy Com-
mission by R. M. Hazen, en-
gineering director for the Allison
Division of the General Motors
Corporation.—Associated Press.

Fate Of Italian Colonies

London, Oct. 1.
The future of the Italian colonies—Tripolitania,
Cyrenaica, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland,
will be discussed next Friday afternoon, when
the first session of the special deputies of the
"Big Four" Foreign Ministers opens, a Foreign
Office spokesman stated today.

The British deputy, Sir Noel
Charles, will, it was expected,
take the chair at the first meet-
ing which will be devoted to
discussion of the agenda and
in particular, to the question
of whether the deputies should
draw up a list of sovereign
states considered to be espe-
cially interested in the future
of the former Italian colonies.

The provinces of Tripoli-
tania and Cyrenaica, jointly
known as Libya, had a pre-war
population of some 90,000 Ita-
lians and 800,000 Arabic-speak-
ing Moabites.

Eritrea, on the Red Sea coast
of Africa, has an area of 17,
754 square miles, with a pre-
war population of 600,000.
Italian Somaliland, along
the East coast, further

American Suicides In Germany

Berlin, Oct. 2.
O. R. Carucci, Director of
American Criminal Investi-
gation in Berlin, said tonight that
two unrelated American deaths
investigated by his Department
today were suicides.

One victim was T/4 Shm
Sulbaki of Hawaii, who killed
himself by firing a 45 calibre
pistol bullet into his head. The
25-year-old mail clerk had been
dependent since receiving a
letter from his sweetheart sever-
al days ago, Mr. Carucci said.
The man left "several" suicide
notes, he added.

The other death was that of
29-year-old Della C. Pane,
Military Government secretary
from Dunmore, Pennsylvania,
resulting from the turning on
of three gas jets in the kitchen
of her apartment, the chief in-
vestigator said.—United Press.

Washington, Oct. 2.
Mr. Cordell Hull, whose
career as Secretary of State
covered the longest span in Am-
erican history, was described on
Tuesday as "feeling better than
he has in a long time" as he
looked forward to his 76th
birthday on Thursday.—As-
sociated Press.

Increased Dominion Aid For Britain

Auckland, Oct. 2.
Conferences called by
mayors to intensify the aid
for Britain campaign will be
held in all the main cities and
towns of New Zealand in the
next few weeks.

Increased production of food
and the despatch of more in-
dividual food parcels to Britain
are the main points of the pre-
sent efforts.

The mayor of Auckland told
a reporter today "it is perfectly
clear that the greatest aid New
Zealand can give is to supply
more food quickly."

"As everyone in the country
is fully occupied within the
limits of his working hours, it
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PALMER SENTENCE QUASHED Court Decides To Allow Appeal Against Magistrate

The sentence passed on Alfred Brian Palmer, Marine Superintendent CNRRA Waterways Transport, was quashed yesterday when his appeal brought against the conviction by Mr. Blair-Kerr, Kowloon Magistrate, was allowed by Mr. Justice Gould.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, C. J., presiding, instructed by Mr. F. Zimmern, appeared for Palmer. Mr. A. Lonsdale was for the Crown.

In the course of his judgment Mr. Justice Gould said: "In this case the accused appeals against his conviction by a Magistrate on two charges of fraudulent conversion. The sums involved were respectively \$7000 and \$614.45 and it was charged that the former was converted on or about the 21st January, 1947, and was part of the proceeds of a cheque for \$10,000 received on account of the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Organization; the \$614.45 was the proceeds of a similar cheque alleged to have been converted on or about the 25th February. The accused was also originally charged with embezzlement of these two sums and with larceny of the goods in respect of the sale of which the two cheques above-mentioned were received. The embezzlement charges were in effect dropped by the Crown and the accused was acquitted on the larceny charge.

Cheques

"It is admitted that the accused, being in charge of CNRRA Waterways Transport at Hong Kong, a division of CNRRA itself, sold certain property of that organization and received the two cheques above-mentioned, for \$10,000 and \$614.45 respectively.

"It was established that he had no right to sell property belonging to CNRRA Waterways Transport but he asserted that he believed that in the interests of his organization he was justified in doing so by reason of the pressing claims continually being made by creditors and the lack of financial support from CNRRA.

"At a date not clearly fixed but in any event shortly before receiving the first cheque, the accused obtained from a firm called Ah Pong & Co., two of their printed forms of bill heads and at his request this firm obligingly stamped the blank forms in a convenient position with the rubber stamp of their firm name.

"On the bill head Ah Pong & Co. were described as Ship & House Painters, Building & General Contractors. These two forms were used and issued by the accused as receipts for the cheques—it thus appeared that the receipts were issued by Ah Pong & Co. though the 10 cent stamp in each case was placed on top of the rubber stamp impression.

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tion and cancelled with indecipherable initials. "The proceeds of these two cheques were never entered in the books of CNRRA Waterways Transport with the exception of an entry of \$3000 made under date the 31st January and expressed to be in respect of revenue from sale of surplus stores or materials. "For cash received from sale of surplus stores in order to balance the pays (sic) to Wan Hung. It will be necessary to refer to this matter later.

"Early in March Mr. R.B. Goodwin commenced an investigation into the affairs of CNRRA Waterways Transport as an investigator for UNRRA and interviewed the accused on the 8th, the 11th and the 27th of that month.

"The accused behaved very suspiciously and while he did admit the sale of some small items and on the 27th March pointed out the entry of \$3000 in the books, he made more than one false statement, and undoubtedly attempted to conceal the substantial sale that he had made.

Saw Manager

"On the 28th March he saw Mr. Fletcher, the manager of the Macao Electric Lighting Co., and as such the purchaser of the goods in question, and made a tentative arrangement for the return of some of them, subject of course to reimbursement.

"On the 1st April, accused sent the sum of \$7000 to Mr. Fletcher for that purpose, but investigations had by that time reached such a stage that no return of any goods was actually made. Finally, it should be stated that the accused is a man with a brilliant record in the recent war, was not at the material times personally short of money, and there is evidence that his methods were informal and unbusinesslike.

"In brief, the explanation of the accused is that he had at no time any intention of converting the money in question to his own use; he admitted that in his personal possession and made use of them on CNRRA Waterways Transport's behalf for temporary purposes and that the sum of \$10,000, part of the proceeds of the \$10,000 cheque had been so used and entered in the books.

"The proceeds of that cheque had been previously sent on board a ship on account of wages but had been returned to him as being insufficient. He admitted that the retention of a large sum of CNRRA Waterways Transport's money in his possession was unbusinesslike but stated that he frequently did such things to meet contingencies such as vessels arriving during the week end.

"He had not paid the money into CNRRA Waterways Transport because there was some question of return of some of the goods and he did not regard the transaction as finalized. The same reason applied to his not having issued a CNRRA Waterways Transport receipt. His contention of the true facts from Goodwin he said was an act of stupidity only, and that he intended, on realizing that he had done wrong in disposing of the goods, to reimburse the amount thereof by getting some returned.

Reliance

"Accused relies upon certain facts as showing that his acts were open and not surreptitious. The sale was made to a well established and reputable concern which required the goods for its own use and not to an obscure dealer of goods of

dubious origin. The delivery was made by a Mr. Renfrew, an employee of CNRRA Waterways Transport on the instructions of accused and Fletcher. "Renfrew prepared an estimate of the price. Renfrew knew of the sale and the identity of the purchaser. These facts, it is argued, are more consistent with intention than with guilt. There would be more weight in this submission if it were set only against the admitted concealment of the proceeds of the sale of the goods, which investigation which, though consistent with the allegations of the Crown, is also in a lesser degree consistent with the explanation of the accused. But it is argued, and the fact that the accused obtained and used as receipts bill heads bearing the name of Ah Pong & Co.

The accused had no real explanation of this act. The receipts according to Fletcher's evidence caused the latter to be surprised because he understood the prices were being checked through Chinese agents.

"Any suggestion that the accused merely used the first piece of paper to hand cannot be accepted when it is considered that the Ah Pong & Co. stamp had already been put on the receipt and that he used another similar form for the second payment some weeks later.

"The argument, that with a well known firm like MELCO the utility of the false receipt would not keep the transaction secret, is not a good one. The use of a CNRRA Waterways Transport receipt would have ensured that the transaction would be entered up in the books. "If there were no such entry, there would be nothing to call the attention of an auditor to the transaction in the first place—nothing to suggest that enquiries should be directed to MELCO. The finding of the receipt in the name of Ah Pong & Co. seems to me fatal in any event.

"Guilty or not guilty, it would seem that an informal check signed by the accused would have served equally well. In face of these facts, I feel that much less importance must be attached to the genuineness of the acts in relation to the goods themselves.

"Secondly, there is a fact established in evidence by Fletcher the natural inferences from which are in favour of the accused.

"On Account"

"It is that the accused asked Fletcher for \$10,000 on account as he was in urgent need of cash to meet his commitments as it was the New Year. If, at that moment, the accused intended to keep the \$10,000 why should he hasten the transaction in that way, delivery of the goods not having been made at that time.

"The third and fourth matters for consideration involve an examination of the accounts kept by CNRRA Waterways Transport. "The evidence is that the accused handled all the cash; cash receipts were entered into a receipt book and a daily journal was kept with columns for cash received and bank. The books were in charge of Mr. Ng Yau Fan the accountant though written up at times by other assistants.

"The evidence of Ng supported by the books, disclosed that CNRRA Waterways Transport led a very hard to mouth existence—money was always short and creditors pressing. Entries in the journal on the 23rd January show two cash payments in the Van Hung (Captain Hutton) for final payment of December wages and subsistence and incidental expenditure, totalling \$12,238. The evidence of Ng shows that at this time it was the practice to make rough notes of the journal entries on sheets of paper and to enter up the journal proper at a later date from these sheets.

"The first interview mainly concerned the sale of a Hobart Welder. The accused said he thought he had sold some other small items but denied a lathe. "On the 15th March, Goodwin asked accused specifically about a lathe which had gone to Macao. "Accused said it had been lent but had been returned to some go-down. At a further interview on the 27th, accused pointed out the entry for \$2,500 and gave a fairly correct account of what occurred between himself and Fletcher except that he produced a receipt of the goods and stated that he had received only \$2,500.

Limitation

"The Crown has in a measure accepted this position by limiting the charge to \$7,000, though in view of the difficulties with which the prosecution was faced, I think it is not to be thereby construed as doing anything more than giving the accused the benefit of the doubt as to the remainder. I consider that this evidence is favourable to the accused—in an off-setting to some extent the effect of the strong evidence of intent afforded by the conduct of the accused with regard to the receipts. It is true that the name of the purchaser of the surplus materials was not included in the entry but the very existence of the entry would inevitably result in questions and enquiries about the stock sheets etc. at the first audit. The theory that the entry was in the nature of a bill is inconsistent with the fact that it was not directed to be paid until some three weeks after the payment and then only following an enquiry by the accountant. In that it is in some degree less likely that if part of the proceeds of the cheque were dealt with honestly, that there would be a fraudulent intent as to the remainder.

"The fourth question is concerned with the receipt of the money. The accused alleged that within a day of receiving the \$10,000 he sent it to the master of the vessel in payment of wages. Captain Hutton returned the money to him after two days saying that it was short and he could not face his crew with part payment. There is corroboration of this allegation in the fact that \$25,000 which accompanied the money which was found and produced after the trial began.

Chit

"It is unfortunately undated and runs as follows:—
Capt. Hutton,
Herewith \$10,000 for your pay roll. It is 2022 short. I may have the balance tomorrow, (hope so) will see you tonight.
A.P.

"In addition the accountant Ng said in evidence—I received money sent on board in part payment of wages, but I cannot remember the exact date. It was before 24.1.47. That sum taken on board was \$10,000. It was handed by the accused to some member of the office staff. Capt. Hutton refused to accept this as he said he wanted the full amount of wages and this money was returned to Commander Palmer. "Ng in fact collected the money from the accused and returned it personally, and the fact that the chit was found in the possession of CNRRA Waterways Transport puts it beyond doubt that \$10,000 was originally sent and returned.

"To summarize then the effect of this part of the evidence it is evident that the statement of the accused that he lent the \$10,000 in question to Capt. Hutton, is in fact untrue. The evidence of lack of fraudulent intention, it is substantiated to this extent, that there was no other money sufficient for the purpose available. According to the evidence of CNRRA Waterways Transport, unless the \$10,000 received on the 27th was employed on both occasions. The probabilities in this point are in favour of the accused but it cannot be resolved with certainty.

"Lastly, I have to consider the inference to be drawn from the evidence of the conduct of the accused in connection with the investigation by Mr. Goodwin. "The first interview mainly concerned the sale of a Hobart Welder. The accused said he thought he had sold some other small items but denied a lathe.

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"Threatened"

"On the 23rd accused was threatened by Colonel Wells with police action unless more satisfactory explanations were forthcoming. On the 28th also, accused saw Fletcher in Hong Kong and made tentative arrangements for the return of some of the goods including the lathe and on the 1st April, \$7,000 was sent to Fletcher with a request for their return. "This evidence is consistent with guilt. The question is whether it is more consistent with the greater guilt alleged by the Crown than with accused's claim that he was only covering up the amount of the goods disposed of and that he intended to get them back. "If he had any such intention, he was extremely slow in taking active steps to carry it into effect, being threatened with the police. On the other hand, as early as the 11th March, the accused knew that Goodwin had information about the lathe that had gone to Macao; he must have known, then, that it was only a matter of time before all the facts were ascertained.

"I regard as the two vital parts of the case for the defence the entry of the receipt of \$2,500 in the books from the sale of surplus stores and the sending of the first \$10,000 to Capt. Hutton. The appeal was allowed.

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THOSE "ELECTIONS"

The remarkable assertion that plans have already been made to divide up Hong Kong into eight electoral districts for the purpose of electing representatives to the National Assembly in Nanking and to the Legislative Yuan of China deserves, surely, to be treated as a joke rather than as a serious proposition. Even the suggestion that discussions are proceeding between Nanking and London to settle the details—implying that the British Government is prepared to countenance with an air wave of the hand so blatant and flagrant an infringement upon British sovereignty—fails to rise above the level of the ludicrous. There is but one thing tugging the hint that the programme runs nicely to schedule, the elections will be conducted before the end of the present month. Where lies the aspiration behind the local activity, which is admittedly going on, it is not easy to define with precision, though it may not be quite so difficult to hazard a guess. Nevertheless, too complete a failure requires only one additional factor, that there should be an element of truth in the reports that have been put out. Assuming for the moment that this curious business were proceeded with, what sort of an election could it be? A complete absence of any properly defined electoral districts, no registers of voters, nothing whatever to provide any check upon plurality of voting, no open invitations to nominate prospective representatives. Concede a modicum of legality for proceeding with such an election at all, and it would still be a meaningless extravagance. Democratic principles would be better met were the dozen or so individuals most keenly interested in carrying the thing through to get together at a Chinese dinner and choose the "representatives" from among themselves. There is, of course, no legal basis whatever permitting extraterritorial elections of this kind and it is that simple fact which creates all the difficulties in offering even the semblance of intelligent procedure. Apart from that, it was reported nearly a month ago that the Chinese Government had, on representations, abandoned their original preparations for overseas elections. It is time enthusiasts in Hong Kong also forgot the idea.

PROTECTION OF WORKERS

The widening of the definition of "workshop" in the proposed amendments to the Factories and Workshops Ordinance is a desirable change, long overdue. Under the new definition, any premises used for manufacturing, repairing or finishing any article for sale, where twenty persons are employed, come within the terms of the Ordinance. If the process or occupation involves the use of petrol or other inflammable liquids, or the use of coal gas, the premises are subject to the control of the Commissioner of Labour without reference to the number of persons engaged. Hitherto, scores of small manufacturing concerns have enjoyed immunity, despite the fact that their processing methods are highly dangerous, not only to their employees, but to their neighbours, inasmuch as they have established themselves in congested tenement property. It is the fire hazard that is the chief concern of the authorities, but apart from that, it is as well that the Commissioner of Labour should have as wide a control as it is possible to give him over the smaller concerns, for it almost inevitably in such establishments that the worst abuses in conditions of labour are to be found. Approval will be given also to further powers taken to make special regulations for the safety and

Britain's New Chief In Economic Field By A Political Correspondent

The promotion of Sir Stafford Cripps to Economic Minister, with supervision over the Ministries of Labour, Transport, Supply, Fuel and Power, and the Board of Trade, is a notable step forward for him in the Cabinet hierarchy. It also marks a Ministerial re-organisation the need for which had been foreseen by reformers even before the war. This change adds the retirement of Mr. Arthur Greenwood from the office of Minister without Portfolio together signifies an important shift both in British economic policy and in Labour Party leadership.

Mr. Harold Wilson, Sir Stafford Cripps' successor at the Board of Trade, who is a young Yorkshireman with a brilliant wartime economic record, has been closely associated with him in planning the export drive.

More extensive Ministerial changes will be made in a few days.

Closer Integration

As is explained in the statement issued from No. 10 Downing Street, responsibility for Co-ordinating economic policy hitherto has been divided. Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord

President of the Council, in addition to his duties as Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House of Commons, has been responsible for co-ordinating domestic economic policy through a Committee of Ministers. Overseas policy was handled through another Committee. The present situation calls for closer integration of economic policy as a whole and Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, needs the assistance of a senior colleague able to give undivided attention to economic matters.

The new Minister for Economic Affairs (Sir Stafford Cripps) will be a Minister without Portfolio—that is, he will not have a new department but will have a personal staff and the assistance of the newly created Central Economic Planning Staff (headed by Mr. Edwin Leach), the Economic Information Unit and the economic section of the Cabinet Secretariat.

Mr. Attlee will, for the time being, preside over a new Ministerial Committee on Economic Planning. Its scope will cover major issues of both internal and external economic policy.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, who remains Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House of Commons, will continue to exercise co-ordinating functions in other than economic matters. He will take over Mr. Arthur Greenwood's functions which covered the social services and preparation of legislation.

Co-ordinating Policies

The position of the new Minister of Economic Affairs is not quite like that of the Minister of Defence or the wartime Minister of Production because his field is already divided among several Ministers of Cabinet rank through whom he will operate. Probably Sir Stafford Cripps' hardest task will be to co-ordinate the policies of these Ministers. The members of his new Economic Policy Committee, besides its temporary Chairman, the Prime Minister, are likely to include such dominant characters as Mr. Morrison, Mr. Ernest Bevin and—in particular—Mr. Hugh Dalton who is in the key position at the Treasury.

As the Times' parliamentary correspondent puts it, "It seems clear that the Minister for Economic Affairs will not exercise supervision over Treasury policy. It will be necessary for the new Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Dalton) to work in close association so that economic and financial policy may march in step."

With this important qualification Sir Stafford Cripps has to co-ordinate the whole production programme including coal, agriculture, raw materials allocation and building and the import programme as well. Mr. Morrison has been doing part of this and might perhaps have done the whole but in the first place his health was recently impaired and, secondly, he cannot be spared from the delicate task of leading the House of Commons at which he is adept.

Fitness For Job Proved

Mr. Morrison, with the invaluable help of Mr. Greenwood, has borne the heavy burden of putting the Labour Government's programme of political, economic and social reform through Parliament. This year the highlight has shifted to production and trade and Sir Stafford Cripps now takes up a task which places him in effect second in influence only to the Prime Minister.

The change marks the end—for better or for worse—of Britain's dependence for her reconstruction on American financial help. Henceforth she looks primarily to herself, her Commonwealth partners and her European associates for her salvation. Sir Stafford Cripps, who will be in charge of this great undertaking, has proved his fitness for it by his energy in promoting exports, the richness of his economic forecasts, his disregard of cheap popularity and—not least—his moral integrity and faith.

DISMANTLINGS IN GERMANY

Berlin, Oct. 2.
General Lucius D. Clay said today that the projected new reparations dismantlings in the Anglo-American zones of Germany would involve manufacturing plants worth about US\$1,000,000,000.

He said the occupying authorities were determined to go ahead despite German objections.—Associated Press.

DEADLIEST GASES

Nuernberg, Oct. 2.
Nathaniel Lias, New York chemist, testified today that I.G. Farben Industries produced two gases so deadly that American masks carried in the last war would have been useless.

He told a United States War Crimes Tribunal trying 23 directors of the trust that both Farben "tabun" and "osarin" would have penetrated the usual type of gas mask.—Associated Press.

Shipping Hold-Up In Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Oct. 1.
A dispute over the unionization of foremen under the Taft-Hartley Act shut down almost all commerce today in Los Angeles Long Beach harbour—one of the nation's busiest seaports.

Only oil tankers, commercial fishermen and excursion craft were operating in the harbour. A dispute over a provision of the Taft-Hartley law.

An investigator of the Federal Mediation Conciliation Service had been appointed to meet with the parties to the dispute.

At San Francisco, the Longshoremen's Union proposed that work continue in the local harbour with the dispute referred to the Grievance Committee.

Normal 60 ships weekly pass through Los Angeles Long Beach harbour. The shutdown threw out of work some 3,000 longshoremen and other dock workers with an estimated weekly income of \$800,000.—United Press.

players to call off the tie-up. It said the union would charge restraint of trade in the labour dispute under a provision of the Taft-Hartley law.

The Marine Trade Association, representing the harbour district businessmen, was said to be filing an injunction action today in a superior court to force the em-

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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WHERE IT HURTS MOST

Among average players a prospective No Trump declarer or partner of one fears a singleton in the opponents' suit more than one anywhere else in the hand. Actually it is usually a much more important liability if it is your partner's suit. The reason is that the declarer must expect to work on his own side's suit, and possession of more than one card opposite it is valuable in two ways. First, it makes possible leading for finesses or entries to the opposite holding. Second, it cuts down the number of cards held by the defenders and thus increases the chance of establishing the small cards.

SKQ
HAJ943
DK754
CK94

W E
N S
SA852
HK
DK863
CK1082

(Dealer: South, Neither side vulnerable).
1. Pass West North East
2NT Pass 3D Pass
3NT Pass 3H Pass
4S Pass 4D Pass
5S Pass 5H Pass
6NT

In the first sequence is the bidding actually done on this rubber deal, with a South who knew the value of his singleton K after North bid

hearts, but did not realize how important another little card might be in the suit. The second sequence is what might have been done by players straining to find a better contract, though probably landing in the same spot anyway.

West led the club 3 to East's Q, and South decided to take it at once with the K, though some declarers might have preferred to hold up. This particular play, however, could not have brought the contract home. The heart K was laid down to the second trick, the spade Q used as an entry, the heart A scored and the J led in the hope that the holder of the 10 had exactly three, thus forcing the Q and setting up two more heart tricks. When that failed, the defence was sure of two hearts, a diamond and two clubs.

Note that if South could have borrowed West's heart 2, he could have scored four heart tricks by finessing, plus three spades and two minor suit tricks.

Tomorrow's Problem

SAJ9
HAK87
D732
C984

SKQ83
HJ5
DAQ64
CK32

(Dealer: East, Both sides vulnerable).
How would you try for the crummy contract of 3 No Trumps here after West leads the diamond 4 to the 3?

Duke Of Windsor Visits England

On Board S.S. Ivicta between Calais and Dover, Oct. 2.

The Duke of Windsor told the Associated Press today that he was visiting England for 10 days on private business but declined to disclose whether his visit had any connection with the forthcoming wedding of Princess Elizabeth.

The Duke, travelling alone, said he would stay for a few days before going to London.

Asked outright whether he would attend the Royal wedding, the Duke hesitated a full minute

and then replied, "I think that is really a private family matter."

He declined to commit himself as to when he intended discussing the question of his and the Duchess' attendance at the wedding.

When asked whether he would meet members of the Royal family he replied, "Why, of course."

The Duke seemed tired but in good spirits and conversed lengthily with a former servant of the Royal Family whom he met by chance on the ship.

Passengers quickly recognised the familiar figure in a light grey sports suit as he leaned casually on the door of his cabin and laughed and talked with the former servant.—Associated Press.

GUN-BATTLE

Shanghai, Oct. 2.
Police shot an armed robber dead in a running gun-battle in the crowded downtown district and two pedestrians were also hit by stray bullets.

The robber and his accomplice, who escaped through the dense throngs, held up a Chinese Bank in broad daylight and escaped with \$10,000,000 CNG (about \$700 US). The policeman at the street intersection opened fire and the bank guard joined him. Together they lodged five bullets in the body. One pedestrian was seriously injured.—Associated Press.

100 Years Ago

From the files of the "China Mail"
Hong Kong has not much personal beauty, but it does the state good service; moreover it can pay its own expenses were it not burdened with official civilian superfluities.

The aphorism question is not very well understood in England, and it were desirable that its merits and demerits were thoroughly scrutinized by an impartial writer acquainted with the subject and competent to the task of investigation. As a question of morals, of finance and of commerce, it is one of deep interests. It is to be regretted that heretofore the trade has been enveloped, as it were, in mystery.

Those engaged in it are satisfied that it is as honourable as any other branch of commerce, but they avoid discussion. On the other hand, sickly moralists—men who earn a bit of bread by cant and hypocrisy, denounce the traffic as inhuman—they compare it to the slave trade, and their exaggerated statements, garnished with lies, are taken as gospel truth by many a good man.

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Political and diplomatic activities of this complex organization were complementary to its industrial efforts. IG officials supported the Nazi revolution, and, when Hitler came to power, were the organizers and administrators of the German chemical industries for the totalitarian purposes of the German National Socialists. IG Farben officials co-operated with the Nazis in preparation for the war, in the conduct of economic war, and in the administration of industry in the occupied territories.

Some of their pre-war cartel agreements were designed to slow down production of essential war materials in countries which were considered to be potential enemies.

Now twenty-four of the lords of industry who were executives of the combine are facing the ultimate reckoning—in the form of a twenty-thousand word indictment which is the outcome of two years' work, the searching of scores of thousands of documents and files, the interrogation of hundreds of people.

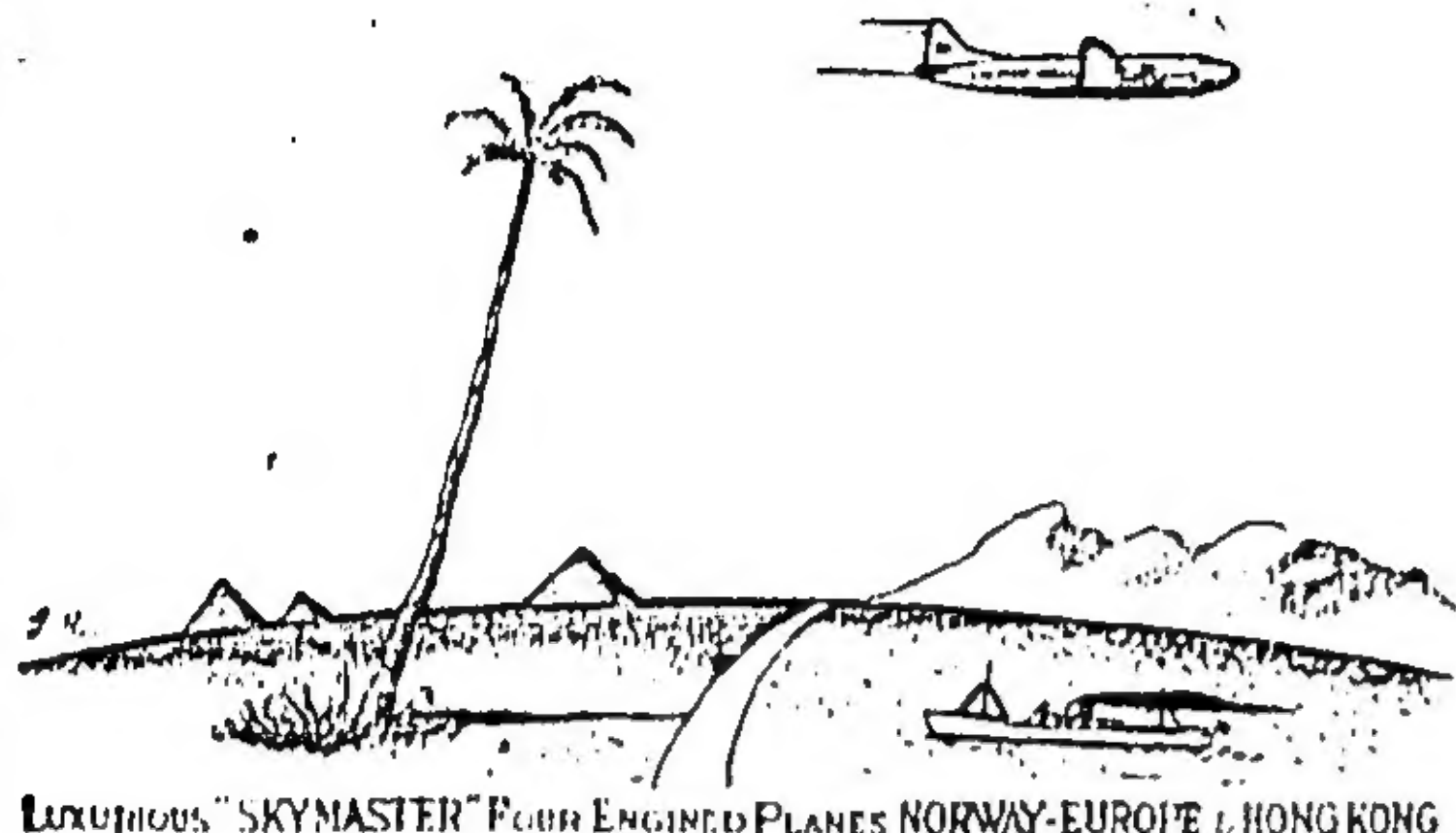
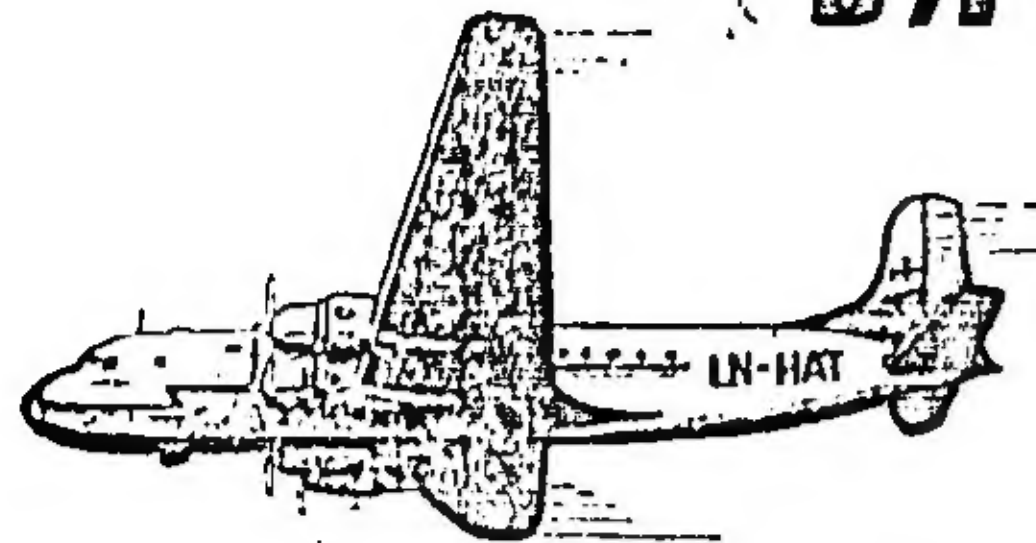
There are three major counts: Preparation for aggressive war through the development as early as 1932 of essential but uneconomical war materials and the use of foreign branches for espionage and Nazi propaganda. The plundering of the chemical industries in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Norway, France and Russia; and slavery and mass murder, including the use of one hundred and twenty-five thousand prisoners of various classes for forced labour.

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Women Strike For Freedom

Paris, Oct. 1. Women from Germany, Greece, Hungary and Argentina were among delegates at the women's World Fellowship Assembly here who voted unanimously tonight that women's organizations everywhere should work to "outlaw torture, exile, deportation, forced labour and concentration camps."

The resolution also recommended that women of all countries likewise "exert influence on their governments" to end inhumane treatment of prisoners for political, racial or religious reasons.

Mrs. J. L. Buck (U.S.) of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, presided at the meeting, the last of the three-day assembly.

The Fellowship is a peace organization founded by French women in 1945. At tonight's session, Mrs. Bate Burke (U.S.) expressed confidence that the American people would "cooperate fully" in President Truman's programme of voluntary food rationing.—United Press

Conservative View Of The Crisis

London, Oct. 1. There is no hope of economic recovery in Britain without "substantial" financial aid from the United States, not only as a stop-gap measure but over a period of years as well, declared Mr. Richard Butler, Conservative MP and leading member of the party, addressing a luncheon of the Association of American Correspondents in London, at the Savoy Hotel, today.

He and other Conservative Members are convinced that United States aid is urgently needed even if it means prolongation of the Socialist regime in Britain.

He admitted that American dollars might bring an improvement in Britain's conditions at a time when otherwise the Labour Government would fall, but, he added, "I place the nation's welfare above politics." Eventually the Labour Government will hang itself.

Mr. Butler, who was Minister of Education in the wartime coalition Government and who recently headed the committee which produced the Conservative Party's "Industrial Charter," said he was distressed that President Truman had passed over Britain in the President's statement a few days ago on stop-gap European aid.

"Britain needs stop-gap aid as well as aid over a long period of time," Mr. Butler said.

"Paper Targets"

"With a trade deficit of between £600,000,000 and £700,000,000 a year, it will take a year to place Britain on her economic feet."

The export targets set up by Sir Stafford Cripps, Minister of Economic Affairs, were just paper targets, Mr. Butler said. "They are intellectually sound, but cannot be reached for a long time."

Even if the targets are reached, he continued, there is no certainty that Britain can sell her goods abroad. "That will depend on prices."

Mr. Butler, attacked as "crude" the suggestion made by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Minister, for an Empire Customs union, "considering that Canadian economy, for instance, must be tied to the United States, and not to Britain."

He suggested, however, that the Empire work out preferential trade agreements among themselves, with Britain maintaining the position of "metropolitan centre" of a group of Commonwealth partners.

Mr. Butler called on the Labour Government to let private industry work out its own problems, reserving the Government's role to "interference on the highest level"—pertaining to allocation of materials.

The Socialist leaders, he said, must cut Government expenditures and provide more incentives for workers.

One of the main reasons for the country's present economic plight, he added, was the fact that the Labour Government had allowed agricultural production to drop alarmingly.

Britain now produced farm produce valued at £100,000,000 a year less than she did during the war. The Government

Round The World

London, Oct. 1. The Foreign Office spokesman said France and the United States had accepted the British suggestion to hold the London meeting of the Foreign Ministers on Germany on Nov. 25, but no reply has yet been received from Russia. He added the British also suggested the Deputies meet on Nov. 6 to pave the way for the Big Four meeting.

London, Oct. 1. The British wool industry today agreed to work longer hours to meet the 12 per cent production increase target in the "export or die" programme. Details of the longer hours are not yet decided.

Zurich, Oct. 1. The Swiss Airlines will for the first time fly a special plane to Buenos Aires on the occasion of the IATA conference in Rio. The plane flying via Casablanca, Dakar, Recife, Pernambuco, Rio and Montevideo will arrive at Buenos Aires on Oct. 13.—United Press.

South Port, Oct. 1. Food Ministry Strachey told a Labour women's conference today that more and more British families were enjoying better level of nutrition than has been before despite "de-termination of nourishment of the world as a whole."

Copenhagen, Oct. 1. From tomorrow all American films will be banned throughout Denmark due to the American refusal to accept new Danish import regulations.

Berlin, Oct. 1. The British-owned newspaper, "Telegraph" reported today that six Christian Democrats were arrested at Schwerin in the Russian zone allegedly for contacting press organs in the western zone.—United Press.

BUENOS AIRES EXCHANGE

Buenos Aires, Oct. 1. Buenos Aires Oct. 1: London buyers 16.22, sellers 16.27; New York 403.25, 403.50; France 318.00, 319.00; Belgium 9.19, 9.21; Spain 27.25; Sweden 112.50, 113.00; Brazil 22.10; Switzerland 94.25.—Reuter.

was trying to step up farm production, but as usual they had left it too late.—Reuter.

Monocled Colonel Wouldn't Talk

Jerusalem, Oct. 1. When Captain Roy Alexander Farran was accused at a court martial here this afternoon of the murder of a 16-year-old Jewish youth, Alexander Rubowitz, Colonel Bernard Fergusson, tall monocled officer who served with the late Major General Wingate in Burma, refused to testify against him.

Colonel Bernard Fergusson, D.S.O. who joined the Palestine police on loan from the British army in December 1946 with the rank of Assistant Inspector General, told the court that Captain Farran joined the Palestine police in March 1947, being seconded through the Colonial Office from the army. He said that he was Captain Farran's immediate superior officer.

When Mr. Maxwell Turner, the Prosecutor, asked him about details of a conversation he admitted he had with Captain Farran early in May, Colonel Fergusson answered:

"I am not prepared to answer that question with all due respect to the court—because it might possibly incriminate me."

Colonel Fergusson said that though he was not represented in court, he had taken legal advice and elected not to answer this question.

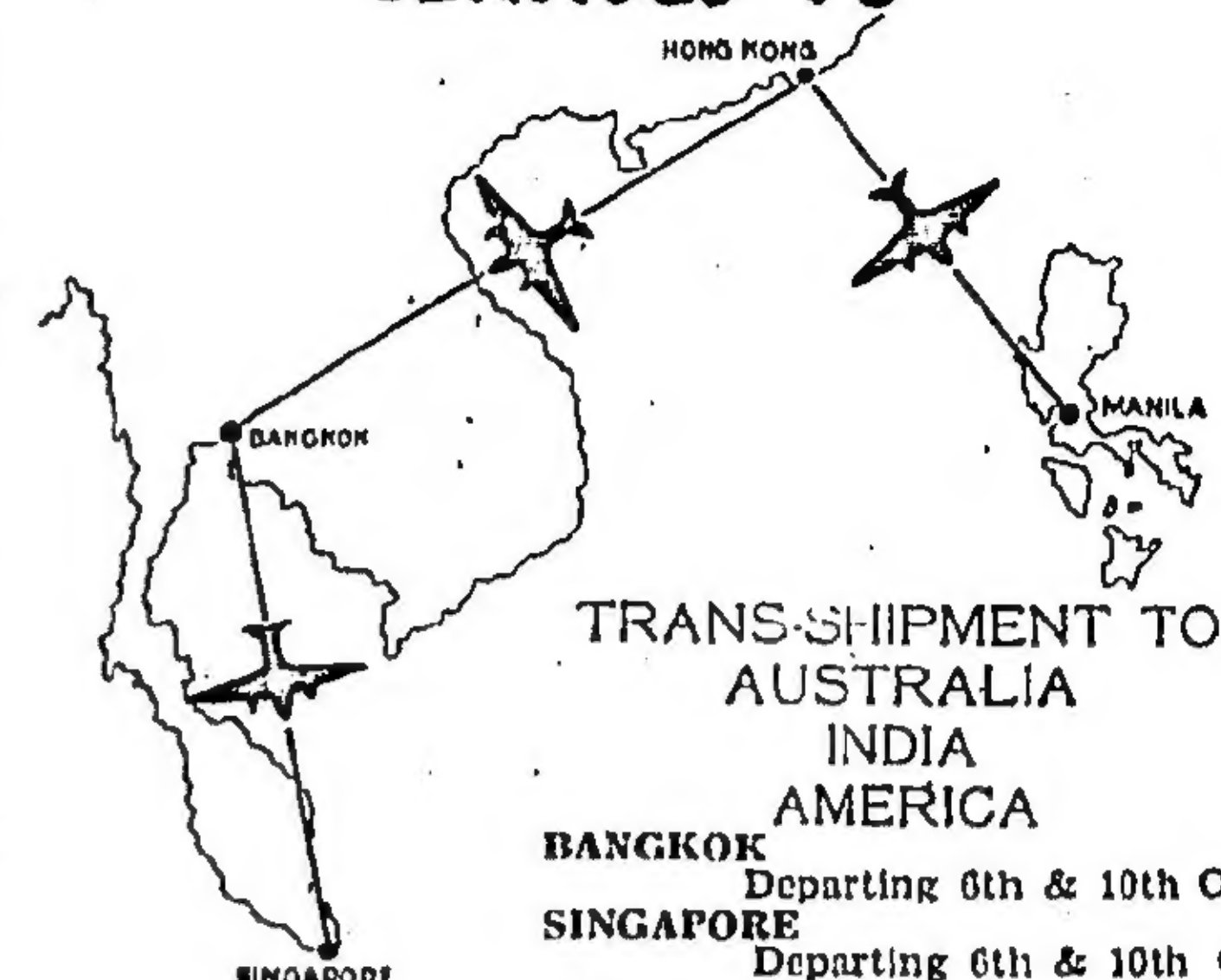
After legal arguments, the Judge, Advocate General, Mr. Milford Stevenson, observed that under English law, Colonel Fergusson was not bound to answer. The President of the Court, Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, then told Colonel Fergusson that he was free to withdraw. Colonel Fergusson then left the court room.—Reuter.

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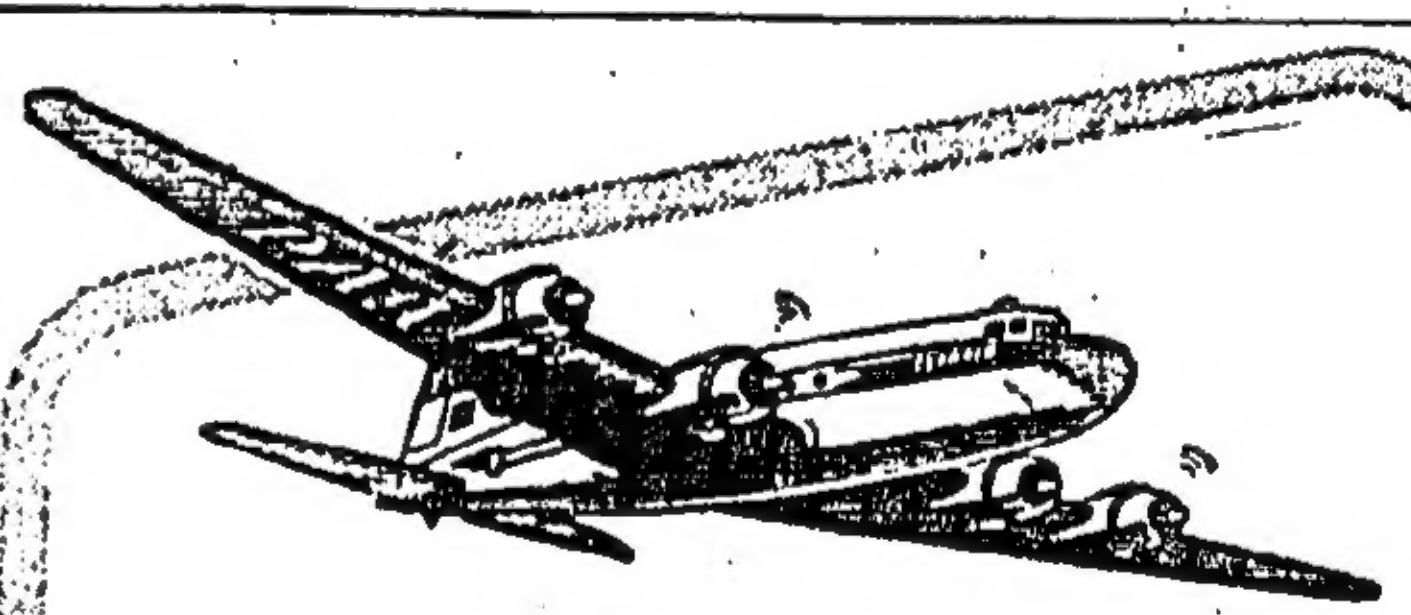
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